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Special to The Journal.

Ponce deLeon, Dec. 22.—Mr. W. A. Wilks, of Florida, Ala., is spending the holidays with relatives in town.

Rev. R. C. Gavin has just returned from an extended visit to friends in Alabama.

Our town has had a daily visitation of more drummers than usual for several days past, and our merchants are giving them liberal patronage.

Mr. Daniel Murray and Mr. J. T. Moy, two energetic farmers of Butler county, Alabama, have just moved to this place with their families. These gentlemen shipped a car load of their household goods here by rail and came through the country themselves by private conveyance. They are temporarily located in the N. P. McDonald house until they secure permanent locations. We extend a hearty welcome to these and all other good citizens who come to make their homes with us, and aid in the development of our excellent agricultural lands.

Some of the clever epigrams of the Flower Kingdom.

Their proverbial philosophy shows that the Chinese are very thoughtful. Here are a few specimens: "The best and strongest man in the world finds that he cannot escape the two words 'No continuance'." "Happiness consists in a medium station." "When you are sitting quietly and alone, think of your faults; when conversing with others, do not talk of the faults of others." "Correct yourself on the same principle that you correct others, and excuse others on the same principle that you excuse yourself." "He who requires much from himself and little from others will keep himself from being the object of resentment." "He who pursues a stag regards not hares." "A gem cannot be polished without friction or a man perfected without adversity." "The gods cannot help a man who loses opportunities." The Chinese call a harmless blusterer "a paper tiger," and compare a man overestimating himself to a rat falling

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Lay their Eggs Almost in the Same Place Year After Year.

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They crawl up the beach in the night and make their nest in the sand just above high water mark. I have watched them from behind a sandhill but a few feet away.

They dig the hole with their hind flippers, and after covering it over, first filling it with eggs, they will go a few feet and make another place. I always thought as a blind, for one looks just like the other. They lay each month, usually during the high tides of that month, beginning in May and ending in August, from 90 to 185 eggs.

During the summer I found and brought into camp 2,755 eggs. I put some in the sand near our camp, and in twenty-seven days the top eggs hatched, the rest in three days more. The little turtles would dig out, raise their little heads and sniff the air a moment, then start for the river, 100 yards away. It was always a mystery to me how a turtle could find the same place on the shore when a short distance out at sea it all looks alike—just sandy ridges, with scrub palmetto and coarse grass.—Forest and Stream.

Still Had a Little Pride.

"What is this man charged with?" asked the police justice.

"Stealing a dog, your honor," said the officer.

"Well, sir, what have you got to say for yourself?"

"Your honor," answered the prisoner, drawing a grimy coat sleeve across his nose, "if you'll make it embezzlement I'll plead guilty. I may be a thief, but I've got feelings."—Chicago Tribune.

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OUTWITTED THE BOERS.

Rhodes' Clever Scheme to Avoid Giving the Enemy Information.

Lord Harris tells an interesting story of how Colonel Rhodes outwitted the Boers. It concerns the relief of Mafeking. As Colonel Mahon approached Mafeking from the south Colonel Plumer was approaching it from the north, and Colonel Mahon received the following questions from Colonel Plumer by heliograph: First—What is your strength? Second—How many guns have you? Third—How are you off for stores and provisions?

Colonel Mahon would not allow any answer to be sent for fear of the Boers trapping it on the way, until Colonel Frank Rhodes suggested the following replies, which were approved. The key is attached in brackets: Naval and military multiplied by ten. [The number of the Navy and Military club in Piccadilly is 94, multiplied by ten approximated their strength of 1,000.] As many as there are boys in the Ward family. [Lord Dudley and his brothers.]

Colonel Mahon protested as regards this that there would be no one who would know, but Colonel Rhodes assured him that Colonel Weston Jarvis, who was with Colonel Plumer, would be sure to. Officer commanding Ninth lancers. [Colonel Little, known as "Small" Little.]

The answers were received and correctly decoded.

Where It Belonged.

An amateur authoress who had submitted a story to a magazine waited for several weeks without hearing from the editor concerning it. Finally she sent him a note requesting an early decision; because, as she said, she "had other irons in the fire."

Shortly after came the editor's reply: "Dear Madam—I have read your story, and I should advise you to put it with the other irons."—Harper's Weekly.

Merely a Trifle.

"I suppose your late uncle didn't fail to remember you in his will?" said the sympathetic friend.

"You could hardly call it a remembrance," replied the poor relation. "It was more like a faint recollection."—Chicago News.

True to the Saying.

"All the world's a stage," quoted one misanthrope.

"Yes," replied another, "and it's the same old story. A lot o' fellers that's cut out for suppers is tryin' ter star."

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